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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2000, please reconsider the above-identified application amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, line 31, after "aspect" insert --,--.

Page 8, line 14, after ("t<sub>y</sub>) insert --,--.

Page 12, line 25, after "water" insert --,--.

Page 13, line 19, after "dried" insert --,--;  
line 36, after "vacuum" insert --,--.

Page 14, line 27, after "sample" insert --,--;  
line 30, after "here" insert --,--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, change "1" with --3--.

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